

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: not yet assigned
BURTON et al.)
Int. Serial No.: PCT/ZA00/00173) Examiner:
Int'l Filing Date: 18 September 2000)
Priority Date: 17 September 1999)
For: "NOVEL MICRO-ORGANISMS,
THEIR USE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING D-AMINO ACIDS")
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on June 28, 2002, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response for up to five months.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,970.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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